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C O N F I D E N T I A L RIO DE JANEIRO 2782

DEPARTMENT PASS MULHERN USDA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAGR, BR  
SUBJECT: AFRICAN SWINE FEVER: FURTHER SPREAD

REF: RIO DE JANEIRO 2619, (B) RIO DE JANEIRO 2702

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) IN INCREASING  
AS NEW FOCI OF THE DISEASE ARE CONFIRMED ON AN ALMOST DAILY  
BASIS. ASF HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED AT TWO LOCATIONS IN SAO  
PAULO STATE, AT ONE LOCATION IN MINAS GERAIS STATE AND TWO  
LOCATIONS IN PARANA STATE, IN ADDITION TO THE STATE OF RIO  
DE JANEIRO. SUSPECTED BUT UNCONFIRMED CASES OF ASF HAVE BEEN  
REPORTED IN ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED  
STATES AND IN THE STATES OF SANTA CATARINA, MATO GROSSO DO  
SUL, RIO GRANDE DO SUL, ESPIRITO SANTO AND BAHIA. ACCORDING  
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TO USDA TEAM MEMBERS HERE TO ASSIST BRAZILIANS IN THEIR ATTEMPTS  
TO COMBAT ASF, LIMITED ABILITY TO DIAGNOSE DISEASE IS DELAY-  
ING CONFIRMATION OF OTHER FOCI OF ASF.

2. EVIDENCE IS MOUNTING THAT ASF OUTBREAK IN BRAZIL IS NOT  
NECESSARILY RECENT I.E. WITHIN LAST 90 DAYS. BRAZIL DID NOT  
HAVE DIAGNOSTIC CAPABILITY UNTIL USDA TEAM ARRIVED AND ORGAN-

IZED DIAGNOSTIC FACILITY AT A RIO DE JANEIRO UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER ABOUT ONE WEEK AGO. IT IS LIKELY THAT ASF WAS (AND IS) BEING MISDIAGNOSED AS CLASSIC SWINE FEVER OR SOME OTHER ILLNESS. THE DIAGNOSTIC CENTER IN RIO IS STILL THE ONLY FACILITY IN BRAZIL CAPABLE OF ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS.

3. USDA TEAM MEMBERS THINK IT LIKELY THAT DISEASE IS ALREADY WIDESPREAD IN AREAS OF HEAVY SWINE POPULATION IN BRAZIL (STATES OF SAO PAULO, PARANA, SANTA CATARINA, RIO GRANDE DO SUL AND MINAS GERAIS). IF THIS IS INDEED THE CASE, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CONTAIN ASF WITHIN BRAZIL. (FYI: ONE OF THE CONFIRMED FOCI OF THE DISEASE IN PARANA IS IN THE NORTHWESTERN QUADRANT OF THE STATE, RELATIVELY CLOSE TO PARAGUAYAN BORDER. END FYI.) THE GOB HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON EITHER THE STRATEGY OR TACTICS IT WILL USE TO DEAL WITH ASF AND, ONCE DECISIONS ARE TAKEN, THE GOB WILL HAVE TO CREATE AN ORGANIZATION TO CARRY OUT ITS POLICY MEASURES, FURTHER DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION.

4. USDA TEAM MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN WARNED OF ASF DANGERS BOTH BY OAS AND GOB.

5. WE HAVE REPEATED REFTELS TO AMEMBASSIES ASUNCION, BUENOS AIRES AND MONTEVIDEO.

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